

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Each Engineering Dean  
Each Civil Engineering Department Chair  
Industry Transportation Partners  
Local Transportation Organizations  
FHWA Division Administrator

FROM: Mr. Harold R. Paul, P.E.  
Director

DATE: August 30, 2006

### **SUBJECT: SOLICITATION OF RESEARCH PROBLEM STATEMENTS**

The Louisiana Transportation Research Center is beginning its biennial solicitation of research problem statements. These problems will form the basis for the research program for the next two years. This effort is essential to the successful development and management of the department's research program. It is your chance as our transportation partners/customers to make a difference and optimize benefits to our industry. We welcome both applied and theoretical problem statements and also problems that may require technical assistance.

Please distribute this solicitation and attachment to appropriate personnel within your organization. Research problem statements should be submitted to the Director, LTRC by October 15, 2006 using the format provided in the attachment. Problem statements are also being solicited from LA DOTD personnel.

Research Problem Identification Committees (RPICs) comprised of department, government, university and industry personnel will be appointed according to technical or management areas depending on the content of problem statements submitted. They will be tasked to review and to prioritize the ideas submitted. Each problem statement will be prioritized according to need and implementation potential. The top rated problem statements from each RPIC will be again rated and prioritized by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) comprised of the RPIC chairs and other section and district personnel from the department. The RAC will provide a prioritized selection of problems proposed for study.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Morvant, Associate Director, Research & Technology Transfer (225-767-9124) for any questions about the process or for assistance in completing the problem statement forms.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Johnny Bradberry  
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